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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation
CC Dkt. Nos. 98-11, 98-26, 98-32, 98-91, 98-78, RM 9244/

Dear Ms. Salas:

In accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules, this letter is to notify you that Ronald Plessner and I, on behalf of the Commercial Internet eXchange Association ("CIX"), met on Friday, July 17, 1998 with Mr. Paul Gallant, advisor to Commissioner Tristani. During the meeting, we discussed CIX's position in the above-captioned proceedings with regard to the implementation of Section 706 of the 1996 Act. Specifically, CIX is concerned that incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECs") have failed to explain how independent ISPs would be offered equal access to customers (or resale) as the ILECs deploy advanced telecommunications services, including xDSL services. This is critically important because, while the ILECs maintain their "bottleneck" on local telecommunications, the vibrant ISP industry has made Internet access a reality for the vast majority of American consumers. CIX also expressed its concern that data transport services offered to ISPs should be provided on a competitive basis. Finally, CIX noted that ILEC deployment of advanced telecommunications services should enable ISPs, CLECs, and end-users to deploy a wide array of equipment and technologies. ILEC deployments should not stifle alternative end-user technology options.

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Please find attached 11 copies of this letter for inclusion in each of the above-referenced dockets. Also attached is a copy of the CIX membership list, which was provided to Mr. Gallant during our meeting. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Mark J. O'Connor
Counsel for the Commercial Internet
eXchange Association

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cc: Paul Gallant, Esq.

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